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Griswold Reunion

The Ridge Farm, home of Dwight and Margaret Rude, Waymart RD 1, was the locale of the 74th annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold on Aug. 20, 1980. 29 members and friends of the family partook of a covered dish dinner.

During the business meeting the present officers were requested to hold their titles for the upcoming year. They are: Dwight Rude, president; Margaret Rude, secretary; Beatrice Bartholomay, vice president; and Edith Gardner, treasurer. Mildred LaBarre, Gertrude Snyder and Dorothy Oliver were named as the table committee; Robert Powell, Donald Powell and Alice Curtis Lund, the program committee; Doris Howell and Verna Varcoe, recording committee of marriages, births and deaths. It was voted to have the next meeting at Ridge Farm on

The 74th annual Griswold Reunion was held Aug. 20, 1980, at Ridge Farm, home of Dwight and Margaret Rude in Waymart. Those present at the reunion are from left to right (1st row seated): Mildred Crossman, Edith Gardner, Gertrude Snyder, Myrtle Curtis, Margaret Rude, Dwight Rude, Beatrice Bartholomay, Verna Varcoe, C. Bliss Treat, Gertrude Schaffer. 2nd row: Rev. Ray Crossman, Rev. Dwight Anderson, Mildred Anderson, Marjorie Holstein, Elaine Van Leuven, Minna Blair, Mildred LaBarre, Dorothy Oliver, Becky Gauthier, Doris Howell, Marjorie Treat, Henry Schaffer, John Rude, Raymond Holstein, Fred Oliver. 3rd row: Donald Powell, Robert Powell.

the third Wednesday of August, 1981.

With all business concluded, the program was held. It was presented by Robert Powell and proved to be a most interesting historical enlightenment. Some inclusions of the program were the minutes of the organizational meeting that established the Griswold reunion on March 22, 1906, at the Moosic Grange Hall with a list of 77 in attendance. Officers elected were John Griswold, president; Fred Griswold, vice president; Theron Loomis, secretary; and Nathan Griswold, treasurer.

Minutes of the 1906 reunion, held Aug. 15, 1906, at the Moosic Grange Hall has 109 in attendance. Minutes of the 1907 reunion, held Aug. 2, 1907, contained the "By Laws of the Griswold Reunion". History of the Griswolds given on Pioneer Day, Sept. 6, 1920, a text containing the history of the family of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden and their arrival in Clinton township from Massachusetts, and history of Pioneer Day, September 4, 1922, at which time the conglomerate stone monument with its bronze tablet, in memory of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden was dedicated.